

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 6, 2004

IN RE:

**TARIFF FILING BY BELL SOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO INCREASE
CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS LOCAL
EXCHANGE RATES - Tariff Number 2003-1339**

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**DOCKET NO.
03-00619**

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF THIRTY DAYS

This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Sara Kyle and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "TRA" or "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on December 15, 2003, for consideration of the Tariff Filing to Increase Certain Residential and Business Local Exchange Rates – Tariff Number 2003-1339, filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"). BellSouth filed the tariff on December 2, 2003 with a proposed effective date of December 31, 2003. The Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office ("Consumer Advocate") filed a Complaint and Petition to Intervene ("Petition") on December 8, 2003.

Upon consideration of this matter, the panel voted unanimously to suspend the tariff for thirty days to allow BellSouth to respond to the staff's data request and the Consumer Advocate's Petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Tariff Filing to Increase Certain Residential and Business Local Exchange Rates – Tariff Number 2003-1339, is suspended for thirty days from December 31, 2003 through January 30, 2004.



Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman



Sara Kyle, Director



Ron Jones, Director